

# **Chelsham & Farleigh Parish Council**

The minutes of the virtual meeting over Zoom of the Parish Council of Chelsham & Farleigh held on Monday 1st March 2021 at 6:30pm

**Attendees:** Cllr Jan Moore - Chairman  
Cllr Peter Cairns  
Cllr Lesley Brown  
Cllr Barbara Lincoln  
Cllr Neil Chambers  
Cllr Nancy Marsh  
Cllr Jeremy Pursehouse ( Parish & District Councillor)  
Cllr Becky Rush (County Councillor)

Mrs Maureen Gibbins - Parish Clerk & RFO

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## **MINUTES**

- 1. Apologies for absence**  
There were no apologies for absence
- 2. Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest by Councillors of personal pecuniary interests in matters on the agenda, the nature of any interests, and whether the member regards the interest to be prejudicial under the terms of the new Code of Conduct. Anyone with prejudicial interest must, unless an exception applies, or a dispensation has been issued, withdraw from the meeting.**  
Cllr Peter Cairns declared an interest in application TA/2021/98 and left the meeting for this item and thus did not participate in the discussion or comments.
- 3. A period of ten minutes are available for the public to express a view or ask a question on relevant matters on the following agenda.**  
There were two members of the public present. One resident requested an update regarding the situation with the travellers on Farleigh Common which Cllr Pursehouse confirmed would be included in his district report. The second resident thanked the council for its support with regards to Allesley Farm. The Chairman confirmed an update would be provided later in the meeting.
- 4. County and District Councillors Reports**  
**CC Becky Rush** - reported that SCC Highways Officers attended a physical site location inspection and concluded that the siting of a VAS on Old Farleigh Road is not feasible. There are 2 locations on Harrow Road

at the rural end where it is acceptable to install the VAS. CC Rush will obtain quotes for the posts and installations. The prospect of implementing a Speed Watch scheme in Chelsham and Farleigh has been muted; this is operated by 8-10 residents on roads agreed by the police following suitable training. Another option to monitor the speed is for a speed gun setup to be operated by the police.

CC Rush confirmed that the Goods Vehicle Licence for Allesley Farm has been withdrawn. It is an inappropriate business for the area. All GVLO are sent to CC Rush and she will stay involved.

Holt Wood - CC Rush has liaised with the Countryside Officer who has confirmed the footpath being in the wrong place is not a high priority however requested that residents remain vigilant and let her know if unlawful activities, such as fencing erection, are taking place to enable action to be taken.

Covers Quarry - this is an ongoing application and CC Rush has been working with SCC Highways to submit an objection regarding width of roads/lorries/weights of lorries. The revised application is for an extra 25% of infill - probably evenly spread on 5 routes.

The Chairman thanked CC Rush for sorting out the snow plough so quickly.

DC Jeremy Pursehouse reported he has followed up with TDC Officers on all the questions from the Holt Wood meeting. The follow-up was due to the none attendance of the Officers to the meeting. DC Pursehouse requested that residents remain vigilant.

The Polling station for the local elections on May 6th is moving from Warlingham Park School to The Bull.

The Crematorium application was refused and many congratulations to all for the submission. The applicant could appeal and it is expected that they will.

Travellers have arrived on Farleigh Common just as the bunding were about to begin. TDC Council Officers will be undertaking a welfare check and then seeking to remove the travellers. The bund works will continue although leaving an exit for the travellers however the health and safety of the operatives undertaking the bunding works is paramount.

Transit site has been identified near Pendle Road camp in Bletchingley. This will be run by County, however is a sign of District and County working together, and is an extension of the site already in situ. As it is a transit site, police will be able to use Section 21 powers to evict within 24 hours if illegally in situ. Travellers have to pay to use the site.

5. To approve the minutes of the council meetings held on 1st February 2021 Item 16 of the February minutes to be amended to state crematorium submission was on 13th January not 14th January. Subsequent to the

**amendment the minutes were approved and will be signed by the Chairman.**

- 6. Highview - Cllr Cairns confirmed there is currently no lorry movements however residents are being requested to remain vigilant.  
Church Lane - Cllr Cairns confirmed that the TDC Enforcement Officer has written to the registered land owner and, once again, residents are requested to remain vigilant and to report unlawful activities to TDC.**
- 7. Parish Notice Boards - It was agreed the notice boards are to be cleaned and repaired with newly laminated copies of the bye laws to be displayed on the boards and possibly on the parish website. The specifications of the existing notice boards to be submitted to Cllr Pursehouse for additional quotes for replacement boards to be obtained.**
- 8. Chelsham Common/Farleigh Common & Mill Common**
  - \* Fallen tree at Stone Cottage, Ledgers Road - three quotes received. Following discussion Cllr Pursehouse proposed the quote from Purley Tree & Garden Care Ltd be accepted, Cllr Moore seconded the proposal and all were in favour.**

**Action: Clerk**
  - \* Farleigh Sign being chased.**

**Action: Clerk**
- 9. Allesley Farm Cottage - It was confirmed the Parish Council and many residents have written to the TDC Enforcement Officer and a decision is awaited. The Clerk will follow up.**

**Action: Clerk**
- 10. Emergency Plan**

**Cllr Pursehouse confirmed that Warlingham PC has been working on the plan with the help of Chris Hobbs - TDC Officer. It was agreed that Chelsham and Farleigh should be invited to join the working group. Cllrs Cairns and Moore agreed to join the group and Cllr Pursehouse will progress with Warlingham PC.**
- 11. Planning Applications**
  - 11.1 KCC/SE/0495/2018**

**Stabilisation and restoration of Covers Farm Quarry using imported engineering materials to restore the site to grassland,**

**including landscape planting and an ecological receptor area together with a temporary road and ancillary buildings.**

**Covers Quarry, Westerham, Kent**

**Comment: In response to Kent County Council's consultation on the ESA (13/01/21), Chelsham & Farleigh Parish Council wishes to repeat its strong objection to the continued use of the Transport Statement (Feb 2020) and HGV routing agreement (Email from Agent Feb 2020) that would support the main recommendation of the ESA. Chelsham & Farleigh Parish Council has serious concerns regarding the likelihood that the ESA recommendation, if accepted, would generate a further 25% more HGV trips.**

**Chelsham & Farleigh Parish Council has previously strongly objected to the routing plan and choice of Warlingham and the B2024 (Clarks Lane), in particular, as a route for HGVs to move reclaimed materials from Zone E to the quarry site. This route is totally unsuitable for the type and level of HGV traffic and would present a clear danger to both other motorists and cyclists, as the HGVs negotiate the steep and narrow sections of Clarks Lane as it descends to meet Croydon Road.**

**The village centres of Brasted and Sunsdridge on the A25 east of the quarry site have been protected by limits on the number of HGVs that can pass through on a daily basis. Additionally, no HGVs will be permitted to route to or from the quarry through Westerham town centre, thereby preventing access from the A25 west and Westerham itself. The residents of Chelsham, Farleigh and Warlingham demand the same level of protection as afforded to the residents of Westerham. We request that Kent County Council amend the proposed route from reclamation Zone E to take all HGV quarry traffic away from the village centre of Warlingham and the B2024 (Clarks Lane).**

**Should the application be approved, SCC had additionally requested to be involved in monitoring the enforcement of HGVs as it was concerned that HGVs designated route D may also use route E as a more direct route to the quarry.**

#### **11.2 TA/2021/98**

**Demolition of existing Barn with lean-to and detached stables.**

**Erection of 3 x 4 bedroom detached dwellings with car ports.**

**Chelsham Heights, Beech Farm Road, Warlingham CR6 9QG**

**Comment:** The Parish Council objects to this application which is overdevelopment of the site in a largely urban area and is unsuitable for the site.

**11.3 TA/2021/129**

**Variation of Condition 2 (Plans) of planning permission ref: 2019/2150 (Variation of condition 2 (Approved Plans) attached to planning permission 2018/1101 for the demolition of the existing dwellings and stables. Erection of 3 detached dwellings to allow for alterations to the design, appearance and sitting of Woodland Cottage.**

**Woodland Cottage, The Holt, Chelsham, Warlingham CR6 9PG**

**Comment:** The Parish Councillors leave to TDC Officers to ensure the condition is being complied with.

**11.4 TA/2021/119**

**Variation of Condition 5 (Solar Panels) of planning permission ref: 2017/1707 (Demolition of the existing dwellings and stables. Erection of 3 detached dwellings) to allow for the installation of air source heat pumps to Garden Cottage and Stable Cottage as an alternative to Solar Panels (Retrospective).**

**Garden Cottage & Stable Cottage, The Holt, Church Lane, Chelsham CR6 9PG**

**Comment:** The Parish Councillors leave to TDC Officers to ensure the condition is being complied with.

**11.5 TA/2021/210**

**Occupation of dwelling in non compliance with agricultural occupancy condition for in excess of 10 years.**

**Scotshall Farm, Farleigh Court Road, Warlingham CR6 9PX**

**Comment:** The Parish Councillors made no comments

**11.6 TA/2021/183**

**Erection of single storey side and rear extension.**

**173 Harrow Road, Chelsham, Warlingham CR6 9EZ**

**Comment:** The Parish Councillors consider the site is adequate to accommodate the proposed extension

**Cllr Cairns asked that the Planning Officer is invited to a future meeting to explain what is acceptable and not in planning regulations**

## **12. Covid-19 Warlingham, Chelsham & Farleigh - update**

**February saw a less busy month than January, with volunteers carrying out 46 errands. The phone went down to a two-day week and will go to just a Monday from March. All current users have been advised. Jab Cabs has been quieter as the younger priority groups now get called for their vaccines.**

**The welfare team caught up with several residents that have been shielding since March and there is certainly a lot of loneliness out there. With this in mind a Chinwag Day is being organised towards the end of March where volunteers will visit doorsteps of residents for a natter and a treat. We will then look to support residents in their transition to going out again at the end of the shielding period. This may involve helping residents get online to do a shop, enlisting the services of Tech To Community Connect. Or volunteers might be physically supporting residents going to a supermarket to guide them through the new normal. We may then look into doing some guided walks once this is allowed.**

**With lockdown easing in the coming months, plans are well underway for a Forest School to be held in the Easter holidays for invited children from the local primary schools. Another Forest School is also planned for the May half term. Forest School has already proved very popular and may well be oversubscribed so extra dates may be put on. We have the fund of £650 from CC Becky Rush to fund two days, but there is still money ringfenced in another fund from Community Matters Surrey for any additional days, We are also looking into purchasing some wet weather gear.**

**February has also seen an increase in co-operation with other groups. The device collection in connection with Connectivity For Kids was highly successful, with Warlingham library manager co-ordinating the efforts with Cllr Kerry Mansfield from Caterham, using Warlingham Library as a drop off point. The owner of Computer Solutions kindly wiped and repaired all the devices and upgraded them to relevant operating systems where necessary.**

**We were able to help a number of families to get devices to enable children to homeschool, along with a University of Durham student home studying locally, doing a Geography Masters. The scheme is now looking for donations of traditional school supplies such as pencil cases, pencils, pens, rulers, etc. A stall will be in Church Walk on Saturday March 6 from 10am, for drop off as well as both Warlingham Library and Caterham On The Hill Library.**

**We are delighted to be helping with the cake scheme. Karen Newman is involved in collecting home bakes by Warlingham residents and delivering them to the Barn Theatre in Oxted every Saturday. These are then distributed to the local hospitals, ambulance stations, vaccination hubs and other healthcare settings to give the staff a sweet treat after all their massive efforts during the pandemic.**

**13. Finance - Payment of invoices - these were agreed and approved.**

<b>Mrs M Gibbins</b>	<b>Clerk February Salary</b>	<b>£ 346.74</b>
<b>Mrs M Gibbins</b>	<b>Telephone</b>	<b>£ 10.33</b>
<b>Vision ICT</b>	<b>Biennial Domain renewal fee</b>	<b>£ 78.00</b>

**Future items**

**Notice boards**

**Meeting over at 1950**